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**ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (ADWMA)**

**HOUSEBOAT MOORING PERMIT: LOTTERY APPLICATION/AGREEMENT (2019-2020)**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Wildlife Division will be issuing houseboat permits for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area (ADWMA) for the majority of the 2019-20 hunting season. Permits will be valid from September 1, 2019 until March 16, 2020. LDWF will collect fees for lottery permits. The fee for a two piling permit will be \$300.00 and the fee for a three to five piling permit will be \$500.00. Checks or money orders will only be accepted. Payment must be submitted with your application. If not selected via the lottery drawing, your check or money order will be returned. Please be aware that approximately 60% of the available pilings will be issued via the lottery drawing. The remaining pilings have been assigned to individuals that have a five year lease with LDWF.

Year round mooring is not permitted on ADWMA. If you are interested in mooring outside of the hunting season, LDWF offers off-season permits that can be obtained from the LDWF Lafayette Office (337-735-8667). The off-season permits are only valid for 16 days and cannot be extended. Please feel free to contact us for more details.

All permits will be issued using a computerized lottery system (i.e., no sites are guaranteed from previous years). Permits must be correctly and completely filled out to be included in the computerized lottery drawing. Mooring will only be allowed in “designated areas” of ADWMA. The boundaries of designated areas are defined by the presence of numbered pilings. Mooring outside of designated areas is prohibited. Houseboat mooring will be available at the following locations only:

- Log Island Pass (north and south banks) – Main Delta
- Campground Pass (north and south banks) – Wax Delta

Applicants will be screened for past wildlife and criminal violations. Applicants with felony convictions, that pled guilty to a felony or that have pled guilty, paid a fine for, negotiated/agreed to a pretrial intervention (PTI)/diversion for or been convicted of Class Two or above wildlife, WMA or littering violations within the last five years, as determined by the Enforcement Division, shall be disqualified.

To be eligible for the lottery drawing, completed applications (only one application per vessel) must be submitted to the LDWF Lafayette Office (Attn: Coastal Lafayette Region / ADWMA Houseboat Lottery Applications, P.O. Box 62250, Lafayette, La. 70596) no later than Thursday, **August 15, 2019**. If more than one application is submitted for a vessel, all applications for that vessel will become invalid. A completed application includes the following:

- LDWF application (see attached) with all required information.
- New (2019) certificate or permit from the St. Mary Parish Office of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (call 985-385-7018 for information).
- 2019 photographs (not fax copies) showing the front, rear, and sides of the boat.
- Check or money order for permit fee. As stated above, the fee for two pilings will be \$300.00 and the fee for three to five pilings will be \$500.00. Please make check payable to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. If your application is not selected via the lottery drawing, your check or money order will be returned to you.

LDWF will make the final decision on how many pilings are required to safely secure all vessels. No more than five pilings will be issued for one vessel. A general rule is one piling per 15’ of vessel/dock, however there is considerable variation based on specific sites.

Pilings that are available for mooring are labeled at each designated location. You may view piling locations and numbers by visiting ADWMA. If you have a preferred mooring location, you may request specific numbered pilings when you fill out the application. If you do not request particular pilings or if your “preferred pilings” have already been issued, you will be assigned an alternate location. Once you have been assigned a specific mooring location, you must use that location throughout the life of that permit.

Year-round mooring is **prohibited**. Continuous use of houseboat mooring sites will only be allowed on ADWMA between **September 1, 2019** and **March 16, 2020**. Permittees can have access to their sites only during that time period. The vessel must be removed from ADWMA by March 16. No extensions will be granted. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the permittee and vessel not being allowed to participate in any Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboat mooring programs for the following two years. The permittee will also be charged a \$25 per day late fee for every day beyond March 16, 2020 that the houseboat is not removed from the WMA. The permittee will not be allowed to participate in any future ADWMA houseboat mooring programs until these fees are paid in full.

The 2019-2020 permit decal (will be sent with finalized permit) must be attached to the vessel and the permit must be in the vessel before and while mooring on ADWMA. The decal must be near a door or window and must be easily visible for LDWF inspection purposes. The permit decal is green and black this year. No other color permit decal will be valid. Please remove old, previously issued permit decals from the vessel.

Mooring conditions at ADWMA are less than ideal. The mooring areas are shallow and some pilings are inaccessible. LDWF recommends that you make a trip to ADWMA to inspect the conditions of your mooring area (and access to it) before bringing your houseboat to ADWMA. Houseboats “spuds” (i.e., easily retractable pipes/poles mounted to vessel used to hold boat in a stable position) or “arms” (i.e., pipes that extend horizontally from the vessel to the pilings that are used to keep the vessel a set distance from the pilings) are the preferred techniques to secure vessels if needed. See below photo for arm example.



Driving posts, pipes, or small pilings to secure vessels to designated locations is not recommended due to past problems with “orphaned” posts that create navigation hazards. Driving permanent pilings, posts, or pipes to secure vessels will not be permitted. Additionally, please refrain from constructing buildings, restrooms/showers, generator sheds, kennels, or any other large structures on the adjacent shoreline. However, if permittees cannot use the available pilings for mooring, they will be allowed to drive posts on a limited basis (i.e., as few as possible to secure your boat). LDWF will document the use of posts by all permittees and will expect them to be removed by March 16, each year. Failure to meet this deadline may result in denial of any ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges for the following two years.

Permittees are allowed to access and use the bank adjacent to their mooring sites for campfires, temporarily storing gear, etc. However, no trash or debris may be left on the bank at any time.

LDWF has documented the current condition of mooring sites to curtail the abandonment of debris, posts, walkways, etc. LDWF expects all sites to be in the same condition when boats are removed from ADWMA as when they were transported to ADWMA. LDWF will inspect all sites for compliance after vessels are moved off ADWMA. Permittees and guests are also required to remove any debris (e.g., un-burned firewood, cans, trash, etc.) from your mooring area each time you leave ADWMA.

Permittees will be allowed to construct temporary walkways that extend onto the adjacent shoreline. However, these structures must be **completely** dismantled and removed no later than the permit expiration date. You may access the shoreline, but this is a privilege that can be revoked. Storage of gear and equipment must be kept to a minimum and littering is prohibited.

All possessions, structures, docks, walkways, gear, lumber, etc. must also be removed from the site by March 16, each year. Permit extensions will not be granted. Failure to meet this deadline may result in denial of any ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges for the following two years.

This permit may be terminated by LDWF at any time. However, permit fees paid to LDWF are not reimbursable.

Only one houseboat (i.e., living space) will be permitted for each permittee. Floating porches that do not provide living accommodations will also be permitted, but must be approved by LDWF. All permitted structures must fit "long ways" within designated areas. Porches or exterior features shall not be allowed to extend into the channel but must be attached on the ends of the houseboat adjacent to the canal banks.

Permits are tied to a specific permittee and houseboat. Permits are not transferrable from one vessel or person to another. Permits are valid for the permittee's vessel described in the application process (i.e., specifications, photo, and renewal/clearance permit from Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals). Substituting houseboats will not be allowed.

There will be no deadlines for use of this permit once hunting season opens. Permittees will be allowed to use the site at his/her discretion during the permitted mooring periods. Houseboats do not have to be left on the WMA for the entire season and permits will not be revoked for lack of use.

Providing lodging for hire is prohibited. Permittees that collect fees for lodging or guiding will lose mooring privileges. Permittees are prohibited from profiting from houseboat mooring on WMAs. Mooring permits are for recreational use of ADWMA.

Permittees are liable for his/her vessel and will be liable for any actions, activities, accidents, etc. that occur on ADWMA. Mooring is at the permittee's risk. Enter at your own risk. LDWF will not be liable. LDWF shall not be liable to permittee, permittee's guests, agents, invitees, or any other person, for any damage to person or property caused by any act, omission or neglect by permittee, permittee's successors or assigns, or by reason of any defect in ADWMA, whether apparent or latent.

Permittees shall use great care to avoid damage to ADWMA. At LDWF's discretion, permittees may be required to maintain, repair and restore (at his own expense) any pilings or other LDWF structures on ADWMA which may be damaged by the permittee's use or misuse.

Permittees will be responsible for salvage if their boat sinks or becomes stranded while on ADWMA. If LDWF is forced to remove any vessel for any reason, permittee will be liable for the expense. LDWF strongly recommends that each vessel have an appropriate insurance policy.

Failure to comply with federal or state laws may result in the cancellation of mooring privileges without refund and the denial of future ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges. LDWF has the right to temporarily suspend permits for individuals that have pending violations.

Failure to display permits decals, failure to moor houseboats adjacent to the correct pilings, failure to have a copy of the appropriate permit on the houseboat while it is moored on ADWMA and removal or destruction/cutting of LDWF pilings may result in permit cancellation and the denial of future ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges. REMEMBER that permission to moor a houseboat on ADWMA is a privilege that can and will be rescinded if the above conditions are not strictly adhered to. Current privileges may also

be revoked, permits cancelled and future privileges denied for ADWMA houseboat mooring if LDWF deems that the permittee is acting inappropriately or disorderly while on ADWMA.

Permits will be cancelled for permittees receiving felony convictions, pleading guilty to a felony or pleading guilty, paying a fine for, negotiating/agreeing to a pretrial intervention (PTI)/diversion for or being convicted of Class Two or above wildlife, WMA or littering violations during the permit period. Cancellation of mooring privileges may be done without refund of permit fees. LDWF has the right to temporarily suspend permits for individuals that have pending violations.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact LDWF for more information.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ADWMA HOUSEBOAT MOORING PROGRAM:**

Leslie Campbell or Vaughan McDonald  
Coastal Lafayette Region  
LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries  
200 Dulles Drive  
Lafayette, LA 70506  
337-735-8667 (office)  
337-262-1083 (fax)  
[lpcampbell@wlf.la.gov](mailto:lpcampbell@wlf.la.gov) or [vmcdonald@wlf.la.gov](mailto:vmcdonald@wlf.la.gov)

NOTE: If you are no longer interested in receiving this application packet, please contact Leslie Campbell with LDWF to be removed from the mailing list. She can be contacted at 337-735-8667 and/or [lpcampbell@wlf.la.gov](mailto:lpcampbell@wlf.la.gov).



Wildlife Division

# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

## 2019-2020 ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WMA HOUSEBOAT MOORING PERMIT APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address / P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Numbers (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Boat length: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Structures & Length (porches, docks, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate requested mooring location: Main Delta \_\_\_\_ or Wax Lake Delta \_\_\_\_  
Indicate preferred pilings (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you accept different pilings at your requested location? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_  
Will you accept any pilings at either the Wax or Main Deltas? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CURRENT ADWMA HOUSEBOAT MOORING PERMIT LOTTERY APPLICATION/AGREEMENT (I.E., COVER LETTER) AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM AS PER MY SIGNATURE BELOW.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

### **OFFICE USE ONLY**

PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PILING NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOORING LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
AREA MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_